

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

1 For a more complete understanding of the present invention and features
2 and advantages thereof, reference is now made to the following description,
3 taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

4 FIGURE 1 illustrates an automated cellular alert system for automatically
5 notifying emergency personnel of an emergency, according to an embodiment of
6 the present invention; and

7 FIGURE 2 illustrates an exemplary example method according to an
8 embodiment of the present invention for automated emergency alert using a
9 handheld portable communications device operable to initiate communication
10 over a wireless telecommunications network.